GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4327
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SETTING UP OF PROCUREMENT CENTRES
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have set up procurement centres for procuring wheat from April, 2002;

(b) if so, the number of procurement centres proposed to be set up by Food Corporation of India, State-wise;

(c) the number of new procurement centres added this year in comparison to the last year, State-wise; and

(d) the break-up of amount provided to FCI for procurement of wheat, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI PRADHAN)

(a),(b)&(c): Yes, Sir. The State-wise number of purchase centers being operated by the FCI during the Rabi Marketing Season 2002-03 as well as centers operated last year is as under:

States	Purchased centers operated during 2001-02	Purchased centers being operated during 2002-03
Punjab	439(Exclusively) 74 (Jointly)	489(Exclusively) 89 (Jointly)
Haryana	55 (Exclusively) 30 (Jointly)	68 (Exclusively) 52 (Jontly)
Rajasthan	29	26
Bihar	37	40
Madhya Pradesh	22	198
Delhi	2	2
Himachal Pradesh	2	4
Uttaranchal	27	29
Total	717	997

(d): FCI carried out its` procurement operations with the Cash Credit facility extended to it by the RBINo amount is provided State-wise for procurement by the Central Government.